

MINUTES
Attorney-Client Executive Session
May 16, 2023
6:00 P.M.
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order

Councilmember Luis E. Collazo called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez, called the roll with the following Councilmembers being present: Councilmember Luis E. Collazo, Councilmember Ray Garcia, Councilmember Tony Fernandez, and Councilmember Marilyn Ruano. Councilmember Dieguez joined the closed session at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Present as well were Town Manager, Ed Pidermann, Town Attorney, Raul Gastesi, Deputy Town Attorney, Lorenzo Cobiella, Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez, and Attorneys Onier Llopiz and Joan Carlos Wizel from Llopiz and Wizel.

The Certified Court Reporter was not present in Council Chambers during the open session. The Certified Court Reporter was present at the Community Conference Room, during the private Executive Attorney-Client Session.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Ruano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Invocation/Moment of Silence

Councilmember Garcia led the prayer.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Open Session of Attorney-Client Executive Session

Councilmember Collazo read into the record the following section: I would like to announce that we are about to conduct an attorney client session pursuant to Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes, to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in the following case:

1. **MICHAEL A. PIZZI, JR. V. THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, CASE NO. 2015-019303 CA 01**

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Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes provides an exemption from the public meetings law in order to allow the Town Council to conduct a closed session to discuss strategy related to litigation expenditures and/or settlement negotiations in a pending lawsuit. This is what the Town Council will be doing today. This session will be recorded by a court reporter. The transcript will be filed with the Town Clerk, and it will remain sealed until the conclusion of the litigation. When the litigation has concluded, the transcript becomes public record and can be requested by anyone. This attorney-client session is estimated to last one hour. The names of those individuals attending today's attorney-client session are:

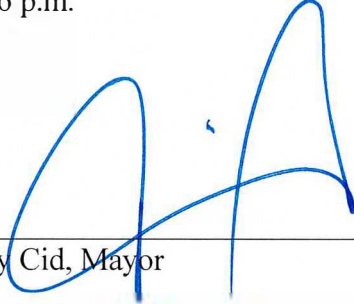
1. Town Councilmembers Luis E. Collazo, Josh Dieguez, Tony Fernandez, Ray Garcia and Marilyn Ruano,
2. Town Manager Edward Pidermann,
3. Town Attorneys Raul Gastesi, Jr., Esq., and Lorenzo Cobiella, Esq., from Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC.,
4. Attorneys Onier Llopiz, Joan Carlos Wizel from Llopiz and Wizel, and
5. A Certified Court Reporter

The individuals I have just named will now leave Council Chambers and go to the Community Conference Room, to conduct the private Executive Attorney-Client Session. Once the private attorney-client session is done, they will return to the Council Chambers and the Town Council will adjourn.

7. Termination of Attorney-Client Executive Session and Reopen Public Meeting

The Town Council convened in the Council Chambers in open session once again and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:36 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of June 2023.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest.



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk